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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. ☐ Small Entity status is claimed.
☒ Other than a Small Entity.
3. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Extra	Present Rate	Fee	Present Rate	Fee
TOTAL	24	MINUS	24	= 0	x \$9	\$0	x \$18	\$0
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$135	\$0	+ \$270	\$0
TOTALS					TOTAL FEE	\$	TOTAL FEE	\$0

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___ No additional fee for claims is required.

4. Attached is a check in the sum of \$___.

___ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-3000 in the amount of \$_____.
A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

5. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply.

Complete (a) or (b) as applicable.

- (a) ___ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
___ one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
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___ three months	\$ 920.00	\$460.00
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___ Attached is a check in the amount of \$___ for the three month extension fee as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c).

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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___ An extension for ___ months has already been secured and the fee paid thereof of \$___ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. Extension fee due with this request \$___.


OR

(b) XX Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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